GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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AUDIT OF COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to have double check on the Indian companies who are hiring only private chartered accountants, by authorising cross check by CAG as a deterrant;

(b) if so, whether despite clear Government directions by an Act of Parliament for checks involving Consolidated Funds of India, bodies like NDDB have defied the Government orders for statutory auditing by CAG;

(c) whether any other institutions have also failed to submit themselves for such audit;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such defiance?

Answer

MINISTER OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) The matter regarding audit of NDDB by CAG is sub-judice. The matter is being heard in New Delhi High Court.

(c) to (e) If any institutions or bodies do not comply with the requirements of law regarding audit, appropriate action can be taken against them under the relevant laws.